

✓ **Amendment(s) to the Specification showing deletions and additions.**

Please amend the specification on page 17 in line 3 by deleting the words "metallic materials" therefrom in the paragraph beginning on line 19 of page 16.

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In one example of layered decorative molding wrapping foil 65 produced by the apparatus 10 and method utilized therewith, layered decorative molding wrapping foil 65 comprises at least one hot transfer inked foil 25 consisting of at least one thin coat of paint or ink 27 on a thermoplastic or paper transfer carrier 75 laminated onto an embossed or planar wrapping foil 35 thereby creating a laminated wrapping foil 65 wherein laminated wrapping foil 65 is wound upon a roll 60 for use in foil wrapping of a substrate 15 for use as picture frame element or building trim piece. Layered decorative molding foil 65 then has carrier 75 stripped therefrom for application to a substrate 15 wherein decorative wrapping foil 65 thereafter has an adhesive applied to a side 86 opposite decorative wrapping foil 65, decorative wrapping foil 65 then being wrapped about substrate 15 to be decorated. As the thin coat of paint or ink 27 may be any ink coating known in the industry, the apparatus 10 and method described herein provides many more pattern and color combinations than are available in industry stock foils. For instance, thin coat of paint or ink 27 may be translucent colors, opaque colors, ~~[metallic materials,]~~ variegated colors or iridescent colors. In another example, a decorative molding comprising at least one translucent hot transfer ink 27 is transferred onto a translucent wrapping foil 35 thereby creating a layered translucent wrapping foil 65 wherein an adhesive is applied to side 86 opposite inked surface 34 of wrapping foil 65, wrapping foil 65 then wrapped about a substrate to be decorated. In yet another example, a decorative molding comprising a hot transfer ink 27 is transferred onto at least one opaque or translucent wrapping foil 35 thereby creating a layered wrapping foil 65, carrier 75 then being stripped away, at least one other hot transfer ink 27 being transferred onto layered wrapping foil 65 wherein carrier 75 from the at least one other hot transfer ink 27 is stripped away thereby creating a multiple layered wrapping foil 65, multiple layered wrapping foil 65 thereafter made available for wrapping about a substrate to be decorated.

Complete set of claims showing deletions and additions in amended claims.

Deletions are enclosed in brackets with a strikeout line through the respective deletions while insertions are shown underlined, the language remaining from the original specification and/or previous amendments shown in regular type. Claim version identifier markings are enclosed in parentheses.

1. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film {for decorating a molding, said decorative molding wrapping film} comprising at least one hot transfer inked foil carried on a carrier having said at least one said hot transfer inked foil laminated onto a planar wrapping paper film thereby marrying said at least one hot transfer foil to said planar wrapping paper, said marrying creating said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film wherein said [carrier is removed from said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film and said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film is wound upon a roll for use in wrapping of a substrate.] - not use

2. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film as in claim 1 wherein said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film has at least one other hot transfer foil layered onto said paper decorative wrapping film thereby marrying said at least one other hot transfer foil to said planar wrapping paper, said marrying creating said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film wherein said carrier is removed from said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film and said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film is wound upon a roll for use in wrapping of a substrate.

3. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film as in claim 2 wherein said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film has an adhesive applied to a side of said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film opposite said one other hot transfer foil, said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film wrapped about a substrate [to be decorated.] - copy

4. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film as in claim 1 wherein said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film has an adhesive applied to a side of said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film opposite said hot transfer foil, said paper decorative {molding} wrapping film wrapped about a substrate [to be decorated.] - copy

5. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film as in claim

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1 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is a translucent hot transfer foil.

6. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film as in claim 1 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is an opaque hot transfer foil.

7. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film as in claim 2 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is an opaque hot transfer foil.

8. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film as in claim 7 wherein said at least one said other said hot transfer inked foil is a translucent hot transfer foil.

9. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film as in claim 2 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is a translucent hot transfer foil.

10. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film as in claim 9 wherein said at least one said other said hot transfer inked foil is a translucent hot transfer foil.

11. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film comprising at least one hot transfer inked foil carried on a carrier, said at least one said hot transfer inked foil laminated onto an embossed wrapping paper {film} thereby marrying said at least one hot transfer foil to said embossed wrapping paper, said marrying creating a laminated embossed wrapping paper {film} wherein said carrier is removed from said laminated embossed wrapping paper {film} and said embossed laminated wrapping paper {film} is wound upon a roll for use in wrapping of a substrate.

12. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} film as in claim 11 wherein said embossed laminated wrapping paper {film} has at least one other hot transfer foil layered onto said embossed layered paper {film} thereby marrying said at least one hot transfer foil to said planar wrapping paper, said marrying creating a laminated embossed wrapping paper {film} wherein said carrier is removed from said laminated embossed wrapping paper {film} and said laminated embossed wrapping paper {film} is wound upon a roll for use in wrapping of a substrate.

13. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} film as in claim 12 wherein said laminated embossed wrapping paper {film} has an adhesive applied to a side of

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said laminated embossed wrapping paper {film} opposite said one other hot transfer foil, said laminated embossed wrapping paper {film} wrapped about a substrate to be decorated.

14. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} film as in claim 11 wherein said laminated embossed wrapping paper {film} has an adhesive applied to a side of said laminated wrapping paper {film} opposite said hot transfer foil, said laminated embossed wrapping paper {film} wrapped about a substrate to be decorated.

15. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} film as in claim 11 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is an opaque hot transfer foil.

~~{16. (canceled) A decorative molding film as in claim 11 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is a metallic hot transfer foil.}~~

17. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} film as in claim 11 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is a translucent hot transfer foil.

18. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} film as in claim 12 wherein said at least one said hot transfer inked foil is an opaque colored hot transfer foil.

~~{19. (canceled) A decorative molding film as in claim 12 wherein said at least one said other hot transfer inked foil is a metallic hot transfer foil.}~~

20. (currently amended) A paper decorative {molding} wrapping film comprising at least one hot transfer inked foil carried on a carrier, said at least one said hot transfer inked foil having a portion of the ink thereon removed prior to being laminated onto a planar paper wrapping film thereby creating a laminated paper wrapping film having portions of the base color of said planar paper wrapping film showing therethrough wherein said carrier is removed from said laminated paper wrapping film and said laminated paper wrapping film is wound upon a roll for use in wrapping of a substrate.

REMARKS:

This amendment is for the purpose of amending the Specification in the original application, cancelling claims 16 and 19 and amending claims 1 - 15, 17 - 18 and 20 to overcome the rejections advanced by the Examiner in the instant office action. Applicants believe that these amendments to the specification and claims put the application in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 - 15, 17 - 18 and 20.

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The Official Action rejects claims 1 - 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suess, et al., U. S. Patent 5,985,078 in view of Abrams, U. S. Patent 5,908,527. In the rejection of these claims, the Examiner contends that Suess, et al., disclose a metallic embossing foil in the abstract and in view of Abrams, '527, which discloses a printed foil laminate that Applicants' disclosure is thereby anticipated. Applicants removed the reference to "metallic materials" in the Markush group on page 17 and have canceled claims 16 and 19 wherein a pigmented hot transfer metallic foil is claimed as the transferring ink and thus neither the narrative of the invention portion of the specification nor the claims include reference to a 'metallic' foil. Applicants have further amended the claims to differentiate between the substrate to be wrapped and a decorative wrapping film by removing the word molding from the description of the wrapping film. Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to Amendment A filed on 08 July 2002 wherein the claims were previously amended to remove the reference to a "picture frame element or a building trim piece" *delete* overcoming the features given little patentable weight. Thus, Applicants specifically disclose that the wrapping film claimed is a paper wrapping film and therefore is not metallic in nature thus overcoming the rejections advanced by the Examiner relative to a "metallic embossing foil." Applicants believe that the rejection of claims 1 - 20 based on Suess, et al., in view of Abrams has been overcome by the amendments to the specification and claims and therefore respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 - 15, 17 - 18 and 20 now remaining in this application.

The Official Action rejects claims 1 - 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abrams, U. S. Patent 5,908,527 in view of Nelson, U. S. patent

4,724,026. Specifically, the Examiner states that Abrams discloses a foil laminate and Nelson teaches a [metallic foil] and thus it would be obvious to include the carrier and release layers with clear or colored coatings in the foil laminate of Abrams. As noted above with regard to the rejections based on Suess, et al., in view of Abrams, Applicants have removed any reference to "metallic" from the claims and the specification and therefore the rejection based on Abrams in view of Nelson has been overcome. Applicants therefore believe that claims 1 - 10 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance thereof.

Take out Nelson?

The Official Action rejects claims 1 - 2 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weder, U. S. Patent 6,324,813 in view of Nelson, U. S. patent 4,724,026. Specifically, the Examiner states that Weder discloses a decorative wrapping cover embossed and having an ink applied to a sheet which is a film, which is lacquered, embossed and printed on forming a pattern in the disparate locations of the reference as cited in the office action and that Nelson teaches a transfer sheet stripped away leaving a decorated sheet on the foil. Applicants note that on page 6 of the instant action, the Examiner states that the wrapping paper features Applicants rely upon is not recited in the rejected claim(s) and thus the Examiner intimates that the claims would be allowable if the claims were drawn to a wrapping paper. Therefore, Applicants have amended the claims to specify that the wrapping film is a wrapping paper film. Antecedent basis for a paper wrapping film may be found in the original specification on page 5, line 2, page 8, line 21, *foil + paper equiv* page 18 in line 24 and on page 25 in line 9. Applicants further note on page 6 of the instant office action that the Examiner hints that the claims would be allowable if Applicants recite the feature of marrying the decorative materials. Thus, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 2 to show that the hot transfer foil is married to the planar wrapping paper thus creating the paper decorative wrapping film. Applicants thus believe that by marrying the at least two materials together comprises an inventive concept not previously described in the art as the Examiner seems to indicated. Furthermore, in order to remove any possible confusion between the term "molding" as used in the field of this industry to refer to a trim piece that surrounds a picture or a door frame and the term "molding" as used in the

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forming industry to refer to a product that is produced in a mold, Applicants have amended the claims accordingly by removing the word "molding" from the description of the paper decorative wrapping film. Finally, as is apparent from Applicants' disclosure, Applicants are putting a finishing layer upon a substrate by wrapping same therearound and thereby making the finishing layer an integral part of the final product whereas the wrapping of Weder is specifically designed for removal from the final product. Thus, Applicants believe that the instant invention is now fully patentable over Weder in view of Nelson as no reference to [marrying the various components cited] in the disparate locations in the Weder and Nelson references appears or can be inferred from the references. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 - 15, 17 - 18 and 20.

Applicants believe that cancellation of claims 16 and 19 and amendments to claims 1 - 15, 17 - 18 and 20 specifically reciting that the wrapping film is a paper film and that at least one foil is married to the wrapping paper have overcome the rejection of these claims based upon 35 U.S.C.103(a) thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. Thus, claims 1 - 15, 17 - 18 and 20 remain in this application and Applicants respectfully request allowance thereof.

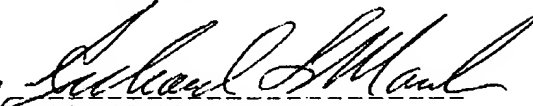
In view of the above, an Action on the merits of this application, as amended, and an allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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